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The Honorable William Proxmire
Chairman
Subcommittee on National Security Economics
Joint Economic Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 2 February, inviting him to appear before the Joint Economic Committee for a session in March and one in April dealing with the Soviet and Chinese economies.

Unfortunately, the Director will be unable personally to appear at these hearings. Mr. Douglas J. MacEachin, the Director of our Office of Soviet Analysis and [redacted] Deputy Chief China Division, the Office of East Asia Analysis, will be the Agency's principal witnesses at these hearings.

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Thank you for the detailed list of topics provided in your letter. They will serve as a useful guide to the analysts framing the Joint Economic Committee testimony. I understand that Mr. Richard Kaufman, Assistant Staff Director, has already met on a number of occasions with these analysts in an effort to ensure that our testimony is useful and addresses the key issues you have raised.

I can assure you that both the Office of Soviet Analysis and the Office of East Asia Analysis are hard at work to ensure that we have another productive exchange.

Sincerely yours,

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